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Brief Mention

John C. McNally has opened a law office in the Uhlir block at No. 128 1-2 north Main street. It is expected that an operation will be performed in the near future for the removal of cataracts from his eyes, and it is hoped that as a result of this operation he will entirely recover his sense of sight.

WATERMAIN BREAKS CITY WITHOUT WATER

Sault Ste Marie, April 5.—Breaking of a water main leaves this city of 12,000 without a drop of water saved that hauled from the river. Schools have closed and factories have shut down.

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REPEATER FOR DEPARTMENT

Would Perfect Fire Alarm System.

COUNCIL IS REQUESTED

By Mayor to Purchase the New Instrument.

Chief McFarland Desires to Place the Local System in the Best Possible Condition This Summer.

Through the efforts of Chief McFarland, the city fire department of the city is rapidly being brought to a high degree of perfection. In bringing the department up to the standard the chief has the support of Mayor Scherrf in every move.

In his annual budget to council the mayor recommended the purchase of a repeater for the department. At present the department has about 28 miles of wire in its alarm system, that is controlled by a single circuit. A break at any place in the circuit throws the entire system out of order until the break is repaired. By the addition of a repeater it will be possible to use three separate circuits and a break at any place will not effect the system in the least. The instrument will cost about \$150 and will probably be purchased by council.

Within a few weeks the department will receive a fine new chemical hose wagon which will be placed in the west end station. The wagon will be the finest of its kind obtainable and will be a valuable addition. It will replace the somewhat antiquated

hose wagon now used in the west end.

The old fire engine, formerly used at the Central department has been renovated and placed in first class condition. It is stationed in the west end and will be used in an emergency.

Next week the electricians of the department will commence rewiring all of the alarm boxes of the city. Most of the wire in these boxes has been in service for a number of years and the proper working of the alarm system is somewhat hampered by the old wire. The work will require several weeks to complete it.

A short time ago the chief asked council to install a motor generator in the Central Department but the chief states that the motor is not now needed because of the better service that is being given by the local power company.

Within the next few weeks a large number of new alarm boxes will be purchased and placed in parts of the city where they are most needed. It is also probable that some new equipment will be purchased by the Board of Public Safety within the near future.

All that the department needs to place it in the front rank of fire companies in cities of this size, is a new and up to date building for the central department. It is quite probable that the building will be ordered by council within the year.

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CITIZENS BUSY

Making Sewer Taps on Streets to be Paved.

City Engineer Dwyer is kept busy these days issuing permits for sewer taps. This morning he issued no less than twenty-five for taps to be made on streets which are to be paved this spring. In the majority of cases, property owners are making the taps themselves instead of having the city do it. This morning one contractor took out permits for twenty taps to be made on Chetry street, which is to be paved between Columbia street and Bellefontaine avenue.

STATE EXAMINER TO VISIT MARION

Will Make Tests at Local Disposal Plant.

Every Sewage and Garbage Disposal Plant in State to be Examined.

The state board of health is to conduct an examination of every sewage and garbage disposal works in Ohio, and the first will be of the local plant, which the engineers of the board have repeatedly declared to be the best in the state.

The examination here will be conducted by A. Elliott Kimberly, special assistant engineer of the state health board, and will begin at midnight, Monday. It will continue for two days, and during this time, Mr. Kimberly will secure samples of sewage at all hours and under all conditions. He will be assisted by several men selected by City Engineer George E. Dwyer.

Mr. Kimberly will arrive Monday afternoon and begin preliminary preparations for the examination.

Leave your measure for your spring suit at Joe Vell's, North Main. 3-15-17

STRAW VOTE UNANIMOUS

No New Franchise for the Water Company.

COUNCIL WILL INSIST

That Company Lay Extensions of Water Mains.

Citizens Have Urged That the Request of the Company be Refused by the Councilmen.

The city council, at an informal meeting held in the municipal offices on the fifth floor of the Huber building, Thursday evening, took a straw vote which resulted in the unanimous refusal to grant the Marion Water company a new franchise for a period of twenty-five years. The vote was taken after City Solicitor Donithen had informed the council that the water company, under its present franchise, which will not expire for eight years, may be forced to lay extensions of water mains.

"Well, if that is the case," said Councilman Wilson, "I don't think a new franchise should be granted. I move we take a vote."

Following the vote, the city solicitor was instructed to go ahead with court proceedings requiring the water company to make extensions, if such proceedings were found to be necessary. The council has ordered a large number of extensions during the past several months and none has been laid, the water company officials saying that under the present franchise it is impossible for them to secure money with which to do the work.

The meeting, Thursday evening, lasted from 8 until 10 o'clock, and William E. Scofield and J. F. Prendergast, two citizens who recently purchased the majority of stock in the water company, were in attendance during the greater portion of this time. After a discussion between the council and water company officials, Messrs. Scofield and Prendergast stepped out in order to give the council a chance to talk privately. It was at this time that City Solicitor Donithen announced his opinion that the company can be forced to make extensions under the present franchise.

"If you can give us this assurance, we will allow you a chance to fight it out in court," said Mr. Wilson. The vote was taken and the two water company officials were immediately called. After the result had been announced, Mr. Prendergast asked what reasons the council has for refusing the request for a new franchise.

The fact that the people seem to be against it was sufficient reason for the council's action, was an explanation made by S. R. Reber, chairman of the water works committee. He said that practically all citizens who have spoken to councilmen in regard to the proposed new franchise have urged that the request of the water company be refused.

Following the meeting Mr. Prendergast reiterated the former declaration of himself and Mr. Scofield to the effect that the short time during which the present franchise will exist, will make it quite impossible for the company to secure loans, and that as a result, no extensions can be built.

All members of the council, with the exception of Mr. Carpenter, were present at the meeting, which was presided over by Mr. Reber. It was opened by Mr. Scofield explaining the position of the water company in its effort to get a new franchise.

In an interview this morning Mr. Scofield practically repeated the statement which he made to the council. The water company is not asking for an exclusive franchise, he says. About a year ago, when the council was first asked to grant a new franchise, a new ordinance was drawn up and the water company officials agreed to its terms. Then the movement for municipal ownership was started and several months was taken up with negotiations to ascertain what the plan of the company was worth. No agreement could be reached and the municipal ownership proposition at least temporarily abandoned.

This ordinance providing for a new franchise was never read in a council meeting, but it is still being preserved, Mr. Scofield states. It gives the city the right at any time to grant a franchise to another company or to build a plant of its own.

As for the contract between the city and the company, says Mr. Scofield, it is entirely separate from the franchise and expires every ten years. If a new franchise were granted, the present contract which specifies the rates for hydrant rentals would remain in force for eight years. At the end of that time a new contract would be entered into. The law gives the council the right to name the rates which are to be paid for water, so that there is absolutely no chance of the people being dumbedogged on that score, Mr. Scofield says.

In beginning his talk to the council, Mr. Scofield explained that the primary reason for the company's wanting a new franchise is to enable it to borrow money. He then gave facts and figures to show that stockholders of the company have not had as much of a gold-mine as the public has generally supposed.

"Since the water company first went into business," said Mr. Scofield, "the stockholders have realized on an average of only two per cent. on their investment. The people do not appreciate the amount of money which this company has expended here. Within six years, \$90,000 was put into extensions and other improvements."

Members of the council who say that the water company has made no extensions for eighteen months are mistaken, according to Mr. Scofield. All extensions ordered prior to the first of last July have been put down, and since that time extensions have been put in on Columbia street and Ellis avenue. In nine months, the company officials say, the city council has ordered 17,331 feet of extensions, which would cost \$22,133.75 meaning an

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average annual expenditure of \$30,000 to the water company. Mr. Scofield says that all bonds provided for the construction of extensions have been issued and it is absolutely necessary that some means be devised for selling others.

Mr. Scofield says that the money which the company receives from the city for hydrant rental barely pays the interest on money borrowed to lay the mains.

"If the council has any good reason for refusing to grant a franchise at this time, we have not heard it," says Mr. Scofield.

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